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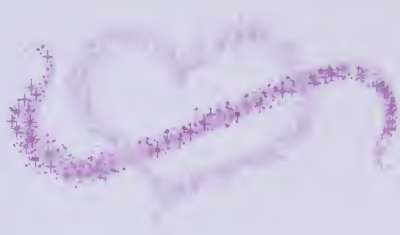


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Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers books at five levels that accompany children from their first attempts at reading to reading success. Each step includes fun stories, fiction and nonfiction, and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics First Steps! Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something to interest every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read Preschool–Kindergarten

- big type and easy words
- rhyme and rhythm
- picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help Preschool–Grade 1

- basic vocabulary
- short sentences
- simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own Grades 1–3

- engaging characters
- easy-to-follow plots
- popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs Grades 2–3

- challenging vocabulary
- short paragraphs
- exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters Grades 2–4

- chapters
- longer paragraphs
- full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!



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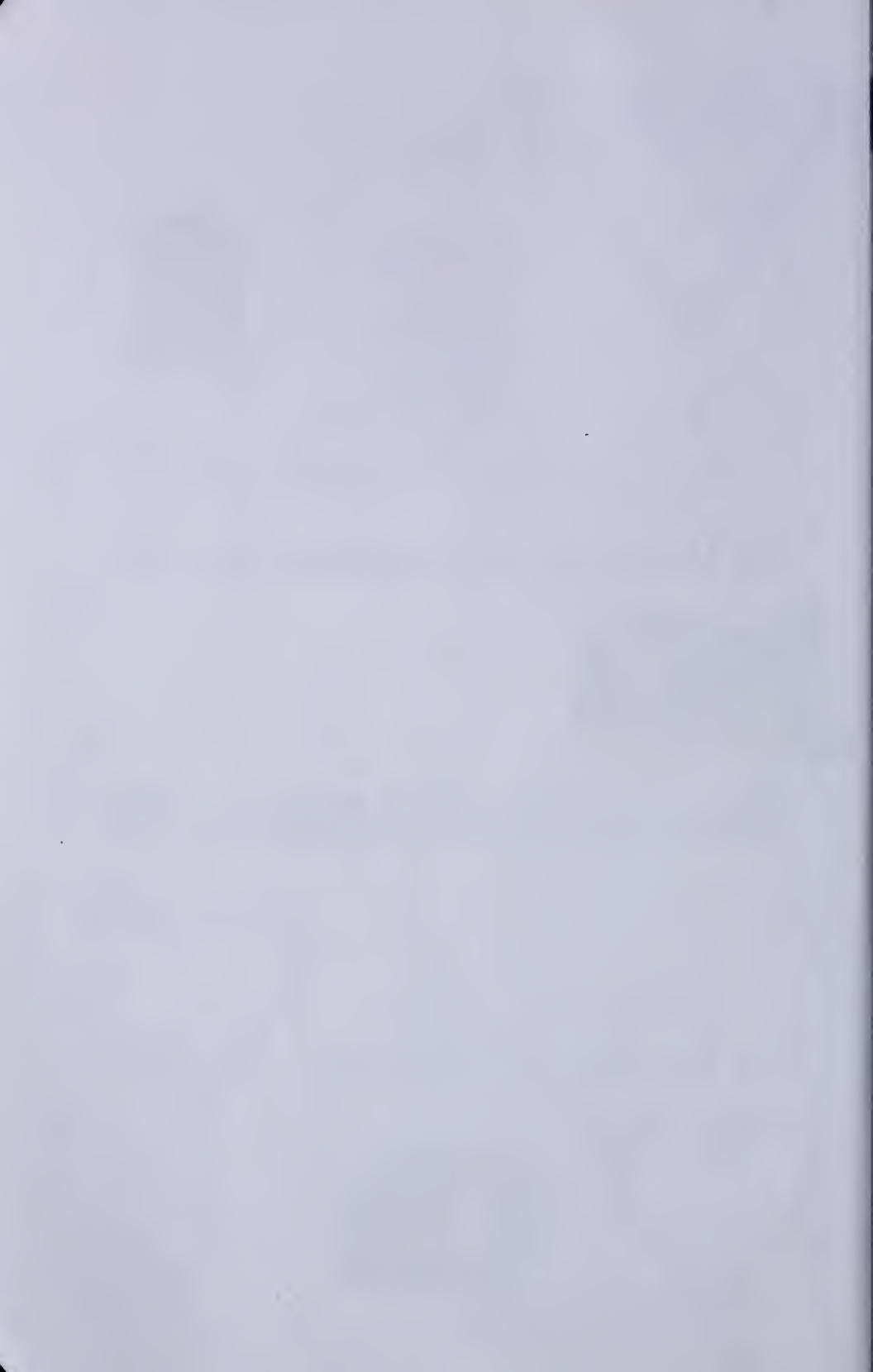


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WALT DISNEY'S
Cinderella



Cinderella's
Countdown TO THE Ball

By Heidi Kilgras

Illustrated by Atelier Philippe Harchy

Poor Cinderella.





Poof!

A fairy godmother.



One magic coach.





Two coachmen.



Three wishes
come true!





Four horses.





Five miles
to the ball.



Six royal doormen.



Seven men
want to dance.

Eight ladies
wait in line.





The Prince!

They meet.

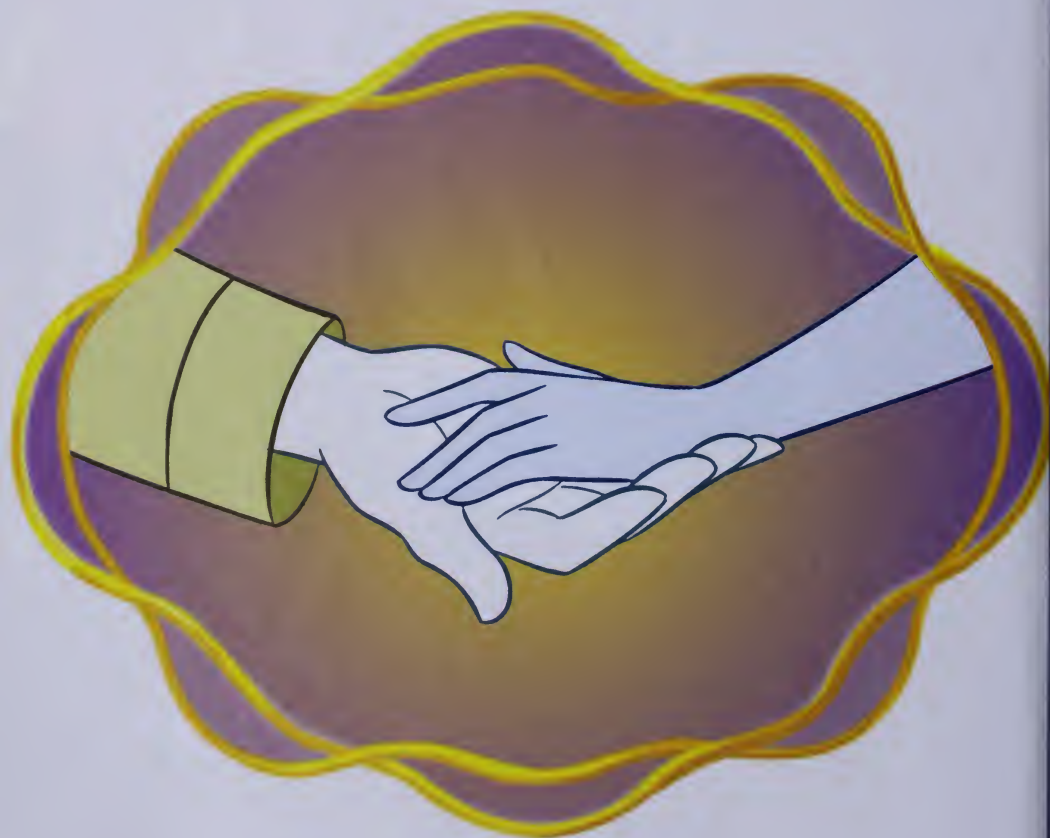




They dance.

Nine ladies whisper.

Ten fingers touch.





Eleven stars twinkle.

BONG

BONG

BO

BONG

BONG

BONG

BONG

BON



The clock chimes
twelve times!



Run, Cinderella!





One glass slipper.

Tap, tap.





Too small!

Crash!





The other slipper!

It fits!



Happily ever after!



The End



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Friends for a Princess

By Melissa Lagonegro

Illustrated by Atelier Philippe Harchy

Snow White has
seven little friends.
Loving, kind,
and special friends.





Some have big beards.





Some have small.



Dopey has no
beard at all.



Doc is caring.





Doc is wise.

Doc needs glasses
for his eyes.





Happy is
the cheerful guy.





Bashful is
so very shy.



Sneezy always
has to sneeze.





Grumpy is
so hard to please.



Sleepy likes to
take a nap.



Dopey wears a
purple cap.





All the Dwarfs
work in a mine.



Then they march
home in a line.







Snow White is there
when they come back.



She welcomes them
and makes a snack.





The jolly friends
dance through the night.





The Seven Dwarfs
love sweet Snow White.



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A Pony for a Princess

By Andrea Posner-Sanchez
Illustrated by Francesc Mateu

Belle picked out a book
from the castle library.





Then she looked
out the window.

The sun was shining.

“I think I will read
outside today,” she said.

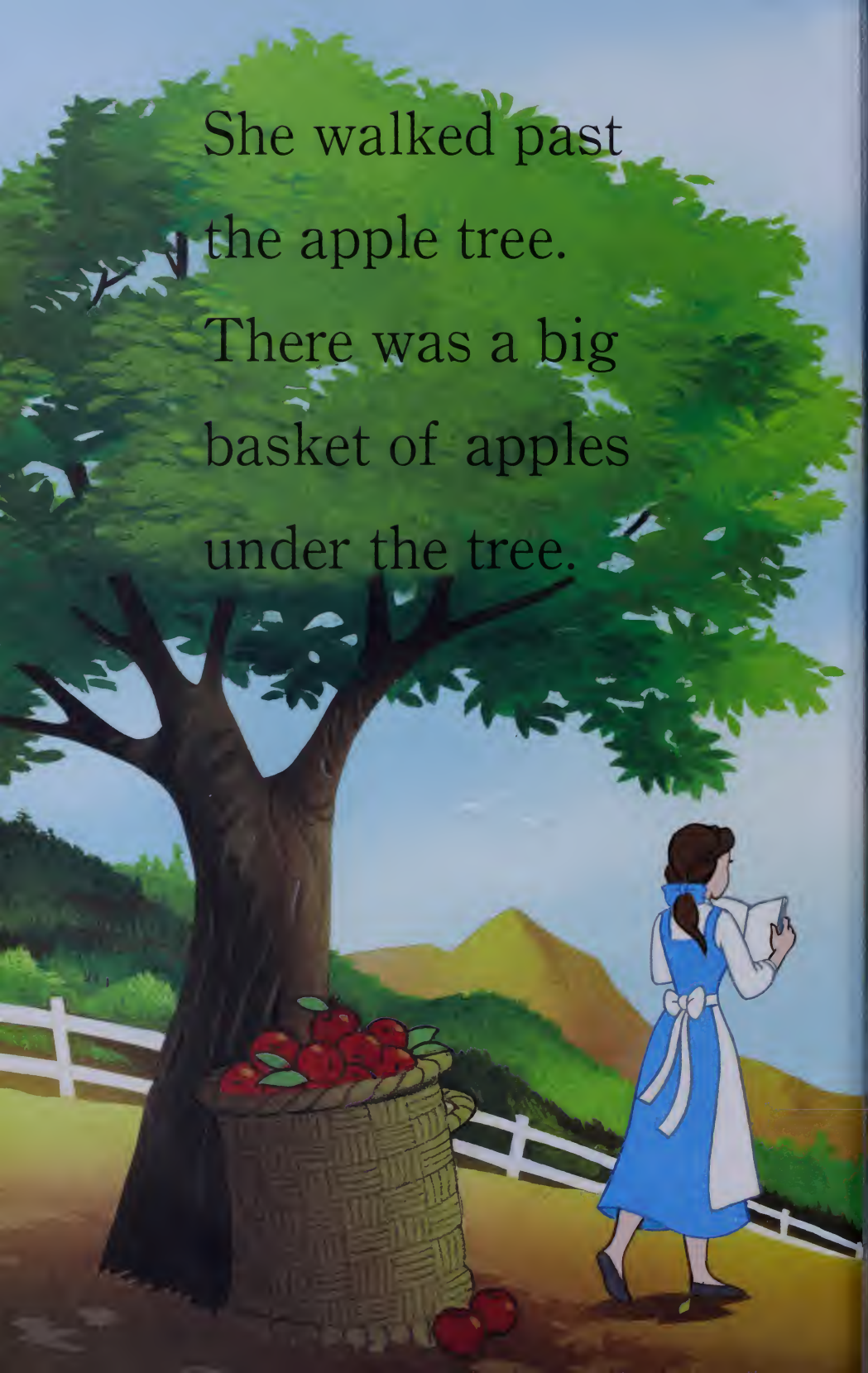
A wooden barn door with a stone wall and a grassy path. The door is made of vertical wooden planks and has two horizontal wooden bars across it. The stone wall is made of large, irregular stones. A grassy path leads from the bottom right towards the door. The scene is set in a rural area with a clear sky.

Belle left the castle.
She walked past the barn.
There was a big
pile of hay
by the barn.



She walked past
the apple tree.

There was a big
basket of apples
under the tree.





Belle sat down to read.

Belle read and read.

Before long,

she felt hungry.





Belle put down her book.

She walked back

to the castle

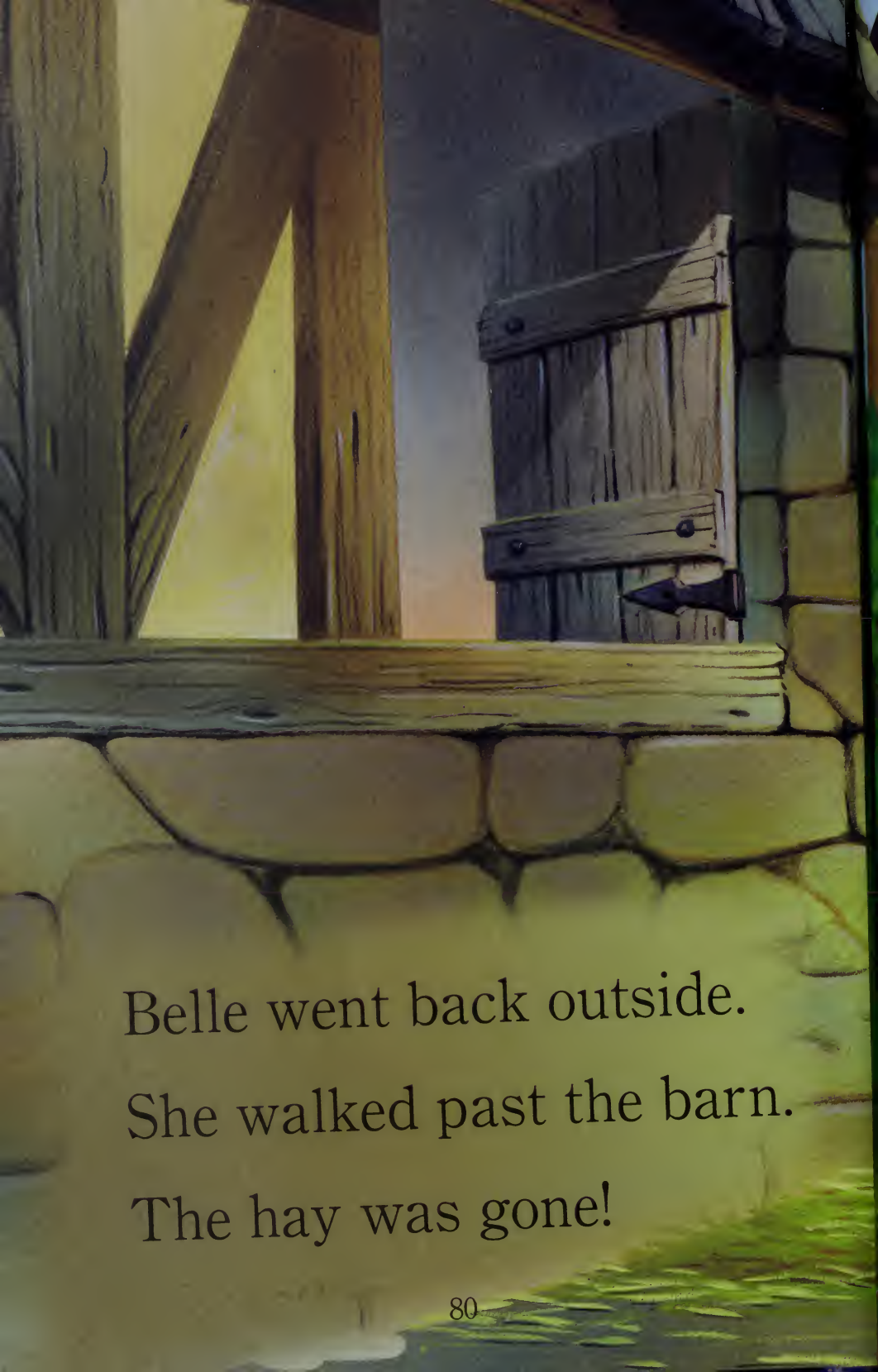
to get some lunch.

Belle put a sandwich,
some lemonade,
and some sugar cubes
into a picnic basket.



“And I will pick
an apple for dessert,”
she said.



A painting of a barn interior. In the foreground, a rough stone wall is visible. Above it, a wooden door with three horizontal planks and metal hinges is partially open. To the left of the door, wooden beams of the barn structure are visible. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Belle went back outside.
She walked past the barn.
The hay was gone!



“That is odd,” Belle said.

She walked past
the apple tree.

The basket was empty!



“Who could have
eaten all the apples?”
Belle asked.



Belle looked this way.



Belle looked that way.





Then she saw something
behind a bush.

It was a wild pony!

Belle stepped closer.



But the pony was scared.
It ran this way . . .







... and it ran that way.

But the pony would not
come to Belle.

Belle had an idea.

She took the sugar cubes
from the picnic basket.

She placed them in a row
on the grass.



Then she stepped back.



The pony ate one
sugar cube.



Belle held out the
last sugar cube.

The pony ate it right
from her hand!





She reached out to pat
the pony's soft nose.



Belle was happy.

She led the pretty pony
to the barn.



And before long,
the princess and
the pony became
great friends.



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Surprise for a Princess

By Jennifer Liberts Weinberg

Illustrated by Peter Emslie

and Elisa Marrucchi

Once upon a time
there was a girl
named Briar Rose.





She lived in
the forest with
three fairies.

Their names were
Flora, Fauna,
and Merryweather.





One day,
the fairies sent
Briar Rose out
to pick berries.



While she was gone,
they planned
a surprise.



“Let’s have a party
for Briar Rose,”
said Merryweather.
“With a cake!”
said Fauna.





“And a dress
fit for a princess,”
said Flora.



Flora began
to make the dress.





She cut.



She pinned.



She trimmed.



Merryweather tried
to help.

But the dress
was a mess.



There was too
much cloth.

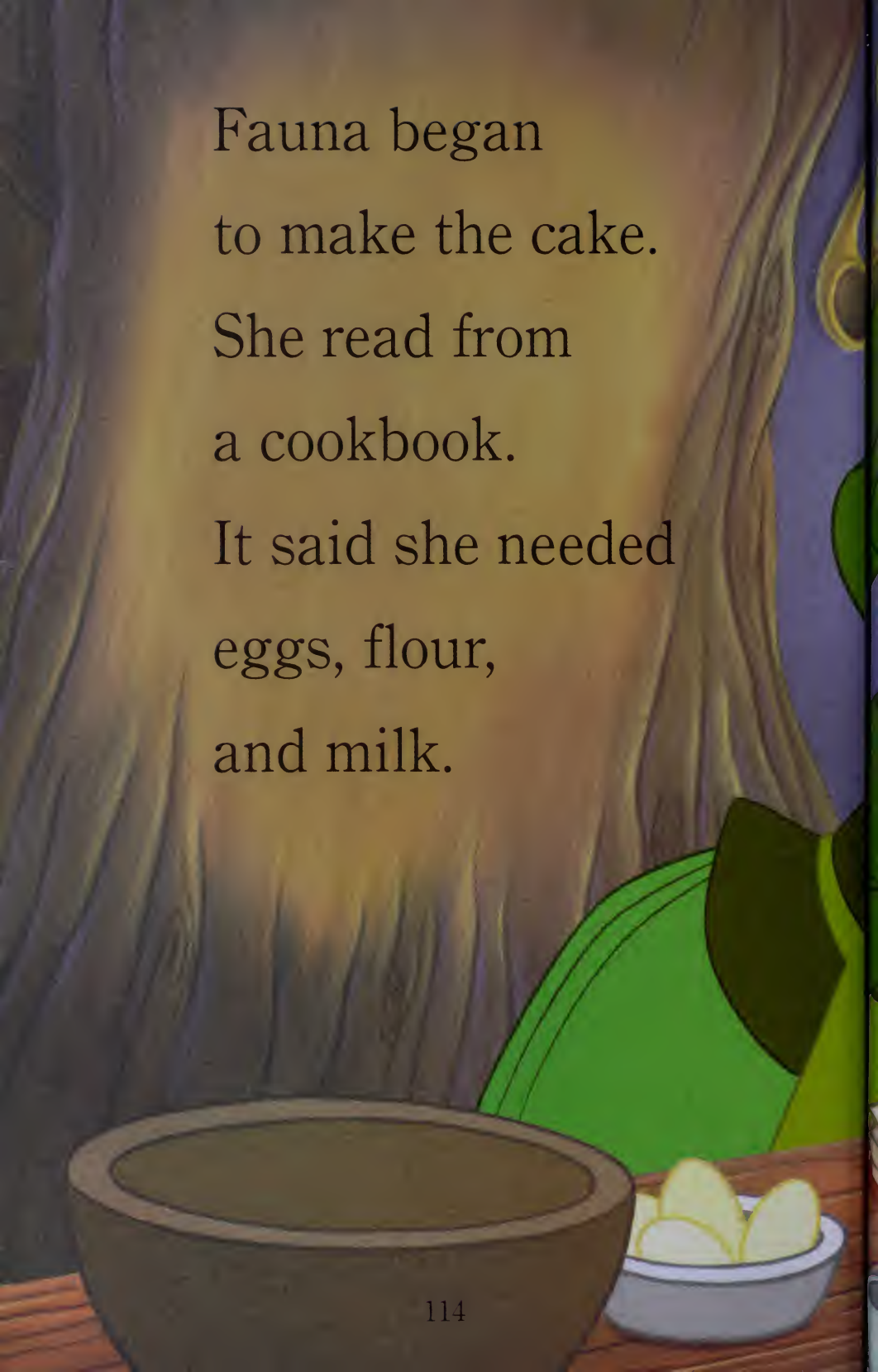
And there were too
many bows.





“Oh, no!”
said Fauna.

“It is awful!”
said Merryweather.

The background of the page is a stylized illustration of a tree trunk with a textured, brown bark. To the right, a green leaf is partially visible. In the bottom right corner, there is a small white bowl containing several yellow, oval-shaped objects, likely eggs. The text is centered on the left side of the page.

Fauna began
to make the cake.
She read from
a cookbook.
It said she needed
eggs, flour,
and milk.



Fauna mixed.
And spilled.



And dribbled.
And dropped.



The milk dripped
onto the floor.
And the eggs
rolled off the table!
Crack!



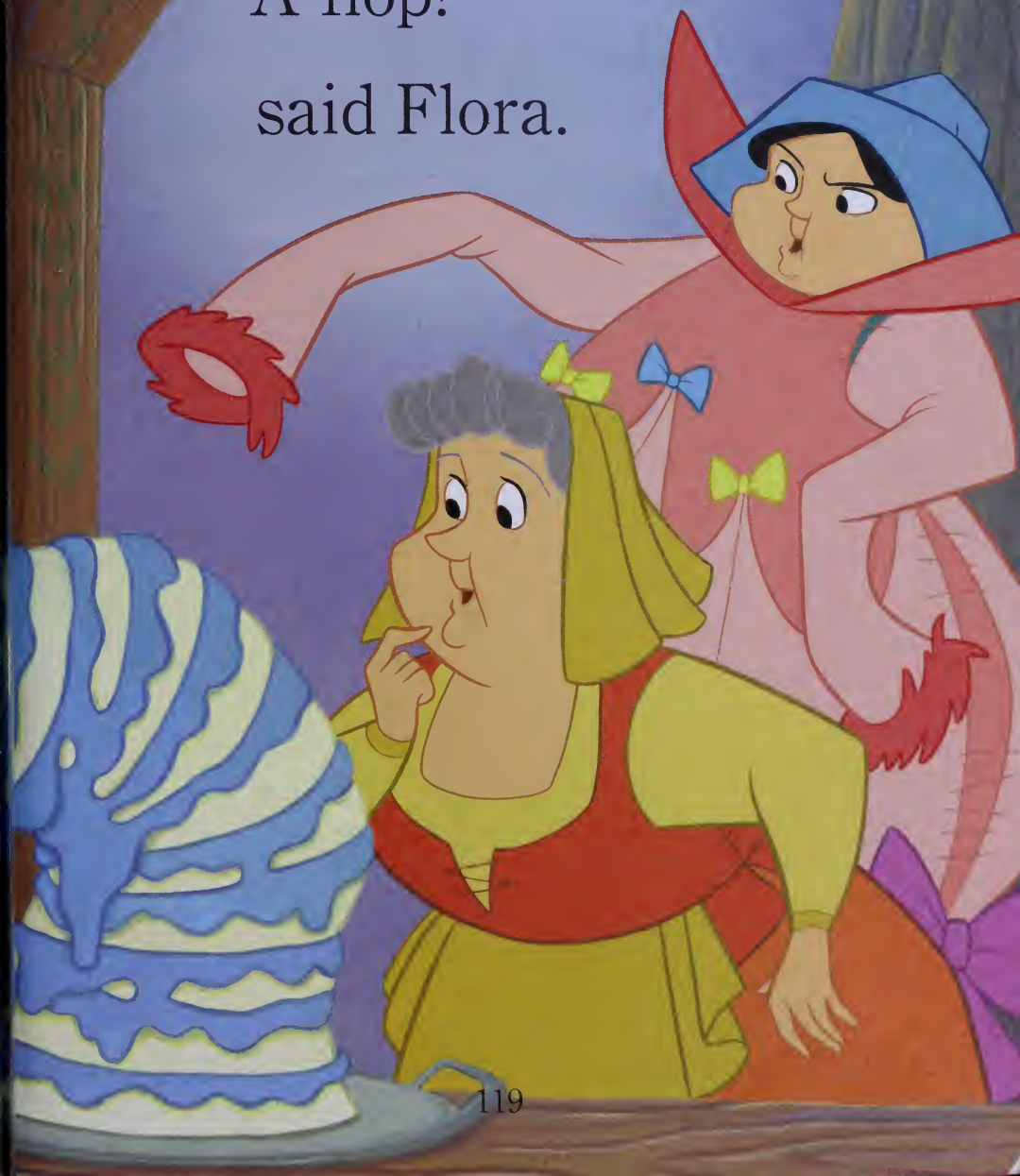
At last the cake
was baked and iced.
But the icing slid
off the top.

And the candles
would not stand up.



“It is awful!”
said Merryweather.

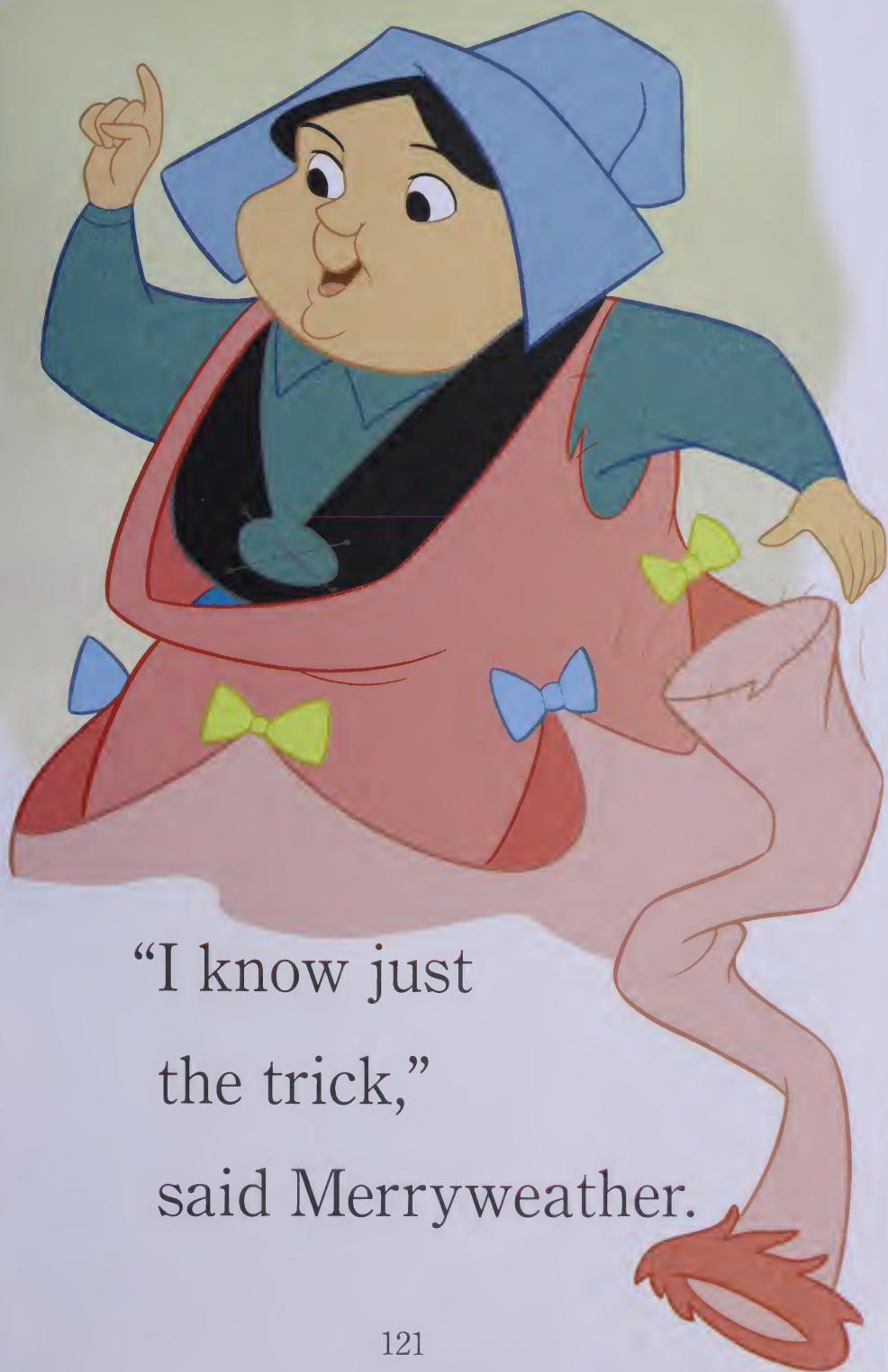
“A flop!”
said Flora.



The fairies began
to worry.

Briar Rose was
coming home soon.





“I know just
the trick,”
said Merryweather.

She gave each fairy
a wand.
“Magic!”
they cried.
With a wave
of their wands . . .



Poof!

The cottage
was clean as
a whistle.



Poof!

The cake
was as pretty
as a picture.



Poof!

The dress
was fit
for a princess.



Briar Rose came home.
“Happy birthday!”
cried the fairies.



“Thank you!”
said Briar Rose.
“This is the
best surprise ever!”





The End

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A Pet for a Princess

By Melissa Lagonegro

Illustrated by Atelier Philippe Harchy

Jasmine was
sad and lonely.
She needed a friend.





“Poor Jasmine,”
said her father.
“I want to make
you happy.”





The next day,
he gave Jasmine
a big gift.
“Open it,” he said.





Jasmine pulled off
the red sheet.



It was a tiger cub!



“I will call you Rajah,”
said Jasmine.
She was very happy.



Jasmine and Rajah
did many things
together.



They sat in the sun.



They watched
butterflies.



They played
lots of games.



Jasmine took good care
of Rajah.



She fed him.

She brushed him.

She gave him

lots of love.



Jasmine liked
to rub and scratch
his furry belly.

Rajah liked it, too!

Purrrrrr!





The princess kept Rajah
safe from harm.



And she loved to play
dress-up with him.



Jasmine made Rajah
a cozy little bed.

At night,
they fell fast asleep.





As time passed,
Rajah grew bigger . . .



and bigger . . .



... and bigger!



Rajah became
a very big tiger.

And a strong
tiger, too!



Now Rajah keeps
Jasmine safe
from harm.



Rajah is too big
to play dress-up.



He is too big
for his cozy little bed.



But he will never be
too big for a belly rub . . .

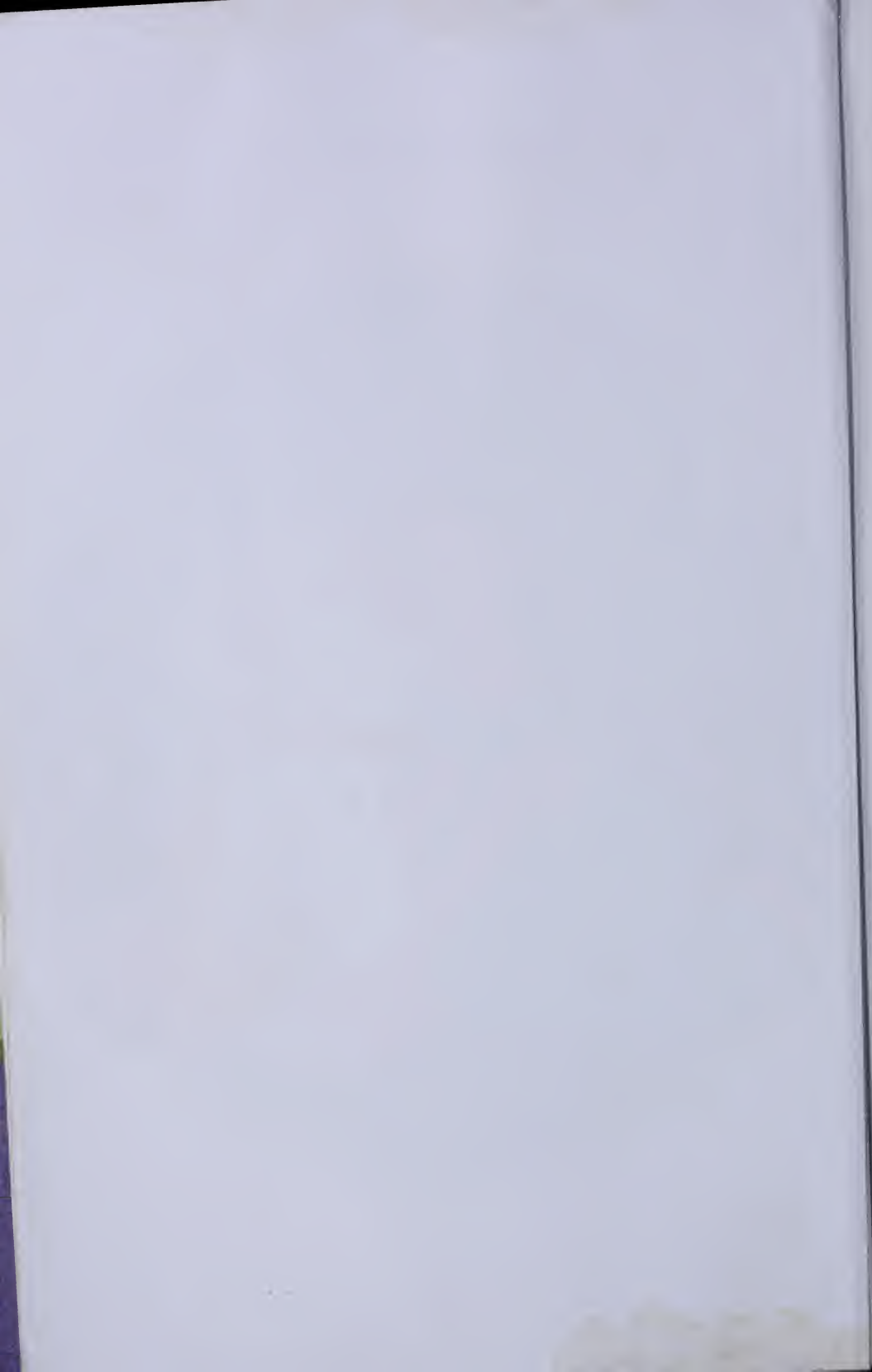




... or a hug!











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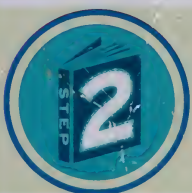
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